

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A hyperlipemia therapeutic agent comprising a pitavastatin ~~pitavastatins~~ and eicosapentaenoic acid or an ester [derivative] thereof as effective ingredients each in an effective amount.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The hyperlipemia therapeutic agent as described in claim 1, wherein the [pitavastatins are] pitavastatin is a calcium ~~pitavastatin~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The hyperlipemia therapeutic agent as described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the eicosapentaenoic acid ester ~~derivative~~ is ethyl eicosapentaenoate.

Claim 4 (Cancel).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A composition for treatment of hyperlipemia comprising an effective amount of each of a pitavastatin ~~pitavastatins~~, eicosapentaenoic acid or an ester [derivative] thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hyperlipemia in a patient in need of such treatment comprising ~~characterized by~~ administering an effective amount of each of a pitavastatin ~~pitavastatins~~ and eicosapentaenoic acid or an ester ~~derivative~~ thereof.

Claim 7 (New): A blood triglyceride-decreasing agent comprising the therapeutic agent of claim 1.

Claim 8 (New): A blood triglyceride-decreasing agent comprising the therapeutic agent of claim 2.

Claim 9 (New): A blood triglyceride-decreasing agent comprising the therapeutic agent of claim 3.

Claim 10 (New): A blood triglyceride-decreasing agent according to claim 7 wherein the pitavasitin is pitavastin calcium and the eicosapentaenoic acid or ester thereof is ethyl eicosapaeoate.